

CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN UPDATE 2009

CALIFORNIA TRIBAL WATER SUMMIT PLANNING TEAM

Highlights from Meeting, October 23, 2009, in Sacramento

The twelfth meeting of the California Tribal Water Summit Planning Team (PT) took place in Sacramento on October 23, 2009. Dorian Fougères, facilitator for the Team, welcomed team members and reviewed the agenda. The objectives of the meeting were to (1) receive a series of planning updates and address loose ends (e.g., speakers, water stories, facilitation), and to (2) discuss the Obama Conference scheduling conflict.

Summit Notifications

Barbara Cross communicated to the group that the notices to the four legislative leaders had been hand-carried earlier that week. PT members requested a copy of the letter for their records. An email notification to Federal agencies and the Water Plan Advisory Committee had not been sent yet.

Briefing Papers

Mr. Fougères informed the group that the Hoopa Tribe with Tom Schlosser had submitted a briefing paper on Rivers, Dams, and Fish, which was sent to the PT email list. The following papers have been submitted to date: Curtis Berkey (Institutions/Legal/Agency), Mark Franco (Rivers, Dams, and Fish), Michael Connolly (Watersheds), Dr. Don Hankins (Water as a Sustainable Cultural Resource), Delia and Jed Parr, CILS (Tribal Water Rights), and Hoopa Tribe with Tom Schlosser (Rivers, Dams, and Fish). Michael Connolly and CILS both donated their payments for the papers back to the Summit as Acorn Sponsors.

Registration and Hotel Reservation

Mr. Fougères informed the group that the to-date reservation was 88 attendees, with 11 scholarships, and 7-9 hotel rooms were still available for either night. The PT members took a few minutes to contact interested parties as an effort to fill those vacancies. The PT was reminded to register for the Summit through the website (www.cce.csus.edu/CTWS09).

Summit Agenda and Facilitation

To better reflect the briefing papers during discussion session, the PT decided to eliminate the Synopsis of Day 1 Issues and Positions part of the Day 2 agenda. Instead, the facilitator will give a brief overview at the beginning of each discussion session. The start of the sessions on Day 2 will involve the facilitator providing a recap of Day 1 discussions on that topic; CCP notetakers will prepare these recap documents in real-time and aim to have them available by the morning of Day 2. In regards to facilitation, some PT members expressed concern about conflicts during Summit discussions. Members noted the importance of the facilitator to moderate time to allow as many Summit attendees to participate in the conversation. The group further noted the importance of the facilitator's ability to track the issues and politics that may come up during the conversation.

Decision to Keep Summit Date

The PT ultimately decided to stay with the Summit Date, despite President Obama's conference for Tribal leaders on November 5th. After reviewing the results of an online survey sent to the PT and the TCC listserv, all members in the room and on the phone favored keeping the date. Some members also recommended sending materials with attendees to the Obama conference.

Finalization of Exhibits

The PT confirmed the final list of exhibits for the Summit.